

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the danger that media consolidation poses to democracy.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But now they are using OUR airwaves to attempt to shove their own opinions down the public's collective throat. I believe this is a violation of FCC rules for equal access and of Federal voting commission rules regarding equal time. I urge you to either prevent them from airing this show or to force them to give equal time to a pro-Kerry documentary. Our nation's freedom depends upon fairness in the press. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.